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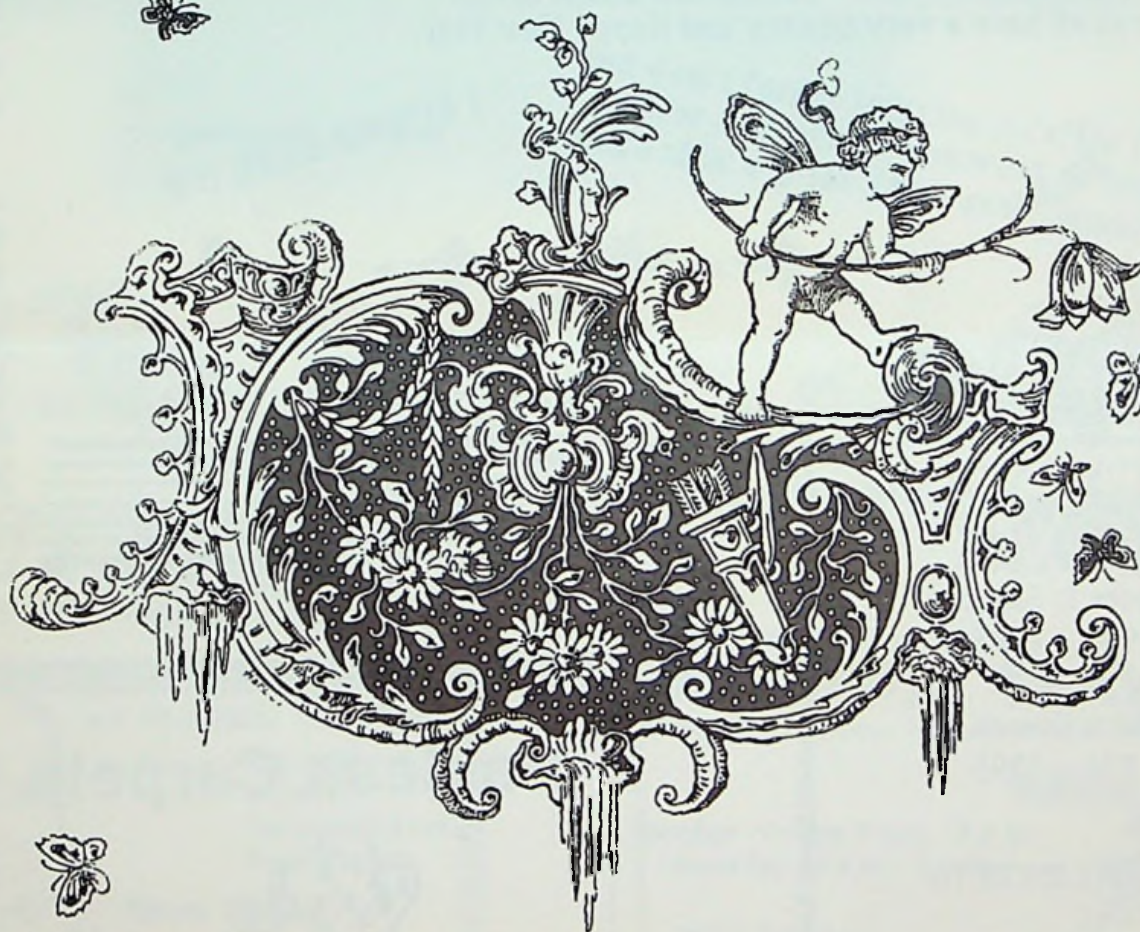
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VALENTINES  
DAY



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KUPUS

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Dinner. Bob and Pete did a very nice job. It was very well attended. We had reservations for ninety people and over one hundred came. We will be at the same place December 15, 1996.

Many thanks to Betty Jones for the very nice decorations, plus all the work the officers have put in during the last year.

It looks like the same officers are back for the third year. Ron Hill, President; Betty Jones, Vice President; Jacqueline Zadrajac, Recording Secretary; June Zupan is the new Treasurer, Nina Matulich, Corresponding Secretary. Also many thanks to Ann Backovich for chairing the raffles during the year, to Lena Derpich for the work that she does in the kitchen, to Mary Ann Scurich for buying the Christmas gifts for the children.

See you at the Kupus Dinner on February 4th at the Senior Center.

Hope you all have a very healthy and Happy New Year.

Ron Hill, President

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## IN MEMORIAM

Peter L. Stolich  
1909 - 1995

Nick Korach  
1896 - 1995

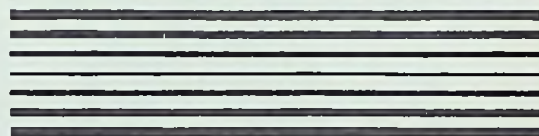
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and family

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# KUPUS DINNER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Watsonville Seniors Center  
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✓ Social Hour 5 p.m. / Dinner at 6 p.m.

MENU: KUPUS, KOBASICA, HAM, BACON, POTATOES & SALAD  
HOME MADE DESSERTS

WE NEED KUPUS !  
and don't forget to bring a raffle item  
and/or dessert, if you want to help  
make this a great SACO get-together !

FREE TO PAID UP MEMBERS  
Non-members \$5.00

Our special guests will be the  
Cabrillo College  
Croatian & Bosnian Exchange Students



Oct 30, 1995

Dear Mrs. Soldo,

Thank you so much for the scholarship your club awarded to me. I am very appreciative because, as you must know, everything is so expensive these days. I am using my money to help pay for my books.

I am attending Chico State and loving it. I am a pre-nursing major and finding it very challenging.

Chico is a cute little town that really caters to the college students. I am so happy to be here.

Thank you again and I hope to see you again at a Croatian function.  
Sincerely, Karen Emmon

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If you are already a member,  
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## JOIN US TODAY

SACO was established in 1979 as a non-profit club without political or religious ties for the sole purpose of bringing together interested persons to make known and to preserve our Slavic heritage.

A year-round series of programs and events has proven an enjoyable way for SACO to provide its focus on Slavic heritage. Such activities include picnics, lectures and slide presentations on our historic culture, plus potluck and sitdown dinners. We also publish a bi-monthly newsletter, THE KALIFORNSKI, full of interesting articles, recipes, and news of our area's Slavic community.

Our meetings may include a potluck, special dinner, films, dancing, and raffles, plus we hold an annual July barbeque.

Won't you accept our invitation to join us? We're sure you'll soon find SACO to be one of your favorite clubs.

Our dues are as follows:

Single membership ..... \$12  
Family membership ..... \$18

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ATTENTION:

THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in any future issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. If you have any subjects relating to Slavic heritage or about Slavs, here or abroad, that you would like to share or see published in this newsletter, please let us know. We would appreciate your input in publishing this newsletter each month. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us:

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### SUGGESTED TOPICS:

1. Trips by SACO members
2. Visitors from the Old Country
3. Newspaper or magazine articles about Slavs, local or abroad
4. Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by SACO members
5. Civic or cultural contributions by Slavs
6. Slavic recipes
7. Slavic songs, poetry or stories
8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
9. Slavic stories for children
10. Anything you think might be of interest to SACO members

## NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of the month prior to publication. Issues will be published for April/May, June/July, August/September, October/November, December/January and February/March. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue.



# Potpourri

BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL

Have I seen you since Christmas?? Well, Merry Christmas any way and have a HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . I have a few thank you's to get out. Many thanks to Pete Derpich for my ??? Oh, you know what, Pete, and that's all that matters. And many thanks to NANCY, too. And she knows what for . . . The Christmas Party was just great. This whole scene seems like DEJA VU, until you look at the children, the Basor and Espejo especially. The service was great. Those girls really put out the milage. the food was tasty to say the least. The music, as usual, was fantastic (the Zs & B). Guess who was the first winner on the raffle . . . That old Santa did a good job as usual. Thanks, Norm . . . I believe there were over a hundred who ate dinner. Here are just a few: Lukrich, Peterson, Zupan, Resetar, Farris, Scurich, Strazicich, Burdick, Deretich, Secondo, Borovac, Zadavec, Smaljon, Gizdich, Franusich, Kowalkowski, Matulich, Puhera. Under thank you's, I want to thank Betty Jones & Ann Backovich. And a Happier New Year to Edina Bajraktarevic, Lejla Borovac, Irena Delic, Natasa Zelic. And don't forget the

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bob and Ann Moresco  
Watsonville

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charles Kralj  
celebrated his 100th  
on December 16th.  
ZIVIO!

Special guests at the Kupus Dinner  
will be the Croatian and Bosnia  
students attending Cabrillo College.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1996

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| JAN. 28  | MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7 p.m.<br>Miramar                        |
| FEB. 4   | KUPUS DINNER - 5 p.m.<br>Free to members/\$5 to Guests        |
| MAR. 24  | MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7 p.m.<br>Miramar                        |
| APRIL 21 | LAMB & MACARONI DINNER - 5 p.m.<br>Watsonville Seniors Center |
| MAY 19   | MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7 p.m.                                   |



# KORČULA

A small town on the island of the same name. The island was inhabited in the late stone age and bronze age, as testified by many archaeological finds. From the 4th century B.C. there was a Greek colony here, then called *Korkyra Melaina*, i.e. black Korkyra, probably because of its dark wooded contours, in contrast with the southern Korkyra, the island now called Corfu. According to Greek legend, the town of Korčula was founded by the Trojan hero Antenor. From 35 B.C. the island was under Roman rule; after the fall of the Western Roman Empire it changed hands many times, belonging in various periods to the Ostrogoths, Byzantium, the Slav Neretljani, Venice, the Hungarian-Croatian kings, Zahumlje, the Dubrovnik republic, etc. For the longest period it was under Venice (1420 to 1797).

Korčula acquired the status of an autonomous commune in 1214. Two catastrophes in its history were the 1529 epidemic of plague, which decimated the population and led to many houses being burnt to combat infection (the shell-like façades of some can still be seen), and the 1571 attack of Uluz Ali, Bey of Algiers. Since time immemorial the island has produced many stonemasons and sculptors (the Marković family in the 15th-century, the Andrijić in the 15th and 16th).

The oldest buildings in the town of Korčula, which are only partially preserved, date from the 14th century. These include the remains of the old cathedral, the towers of the south and west town gates and part of the southern ramparts.

The historical nucleus of Korčula is encircled by walls (14th—16th century), which protected the town from numerous attacks by the Turks and pirates (down to the early 18th century). The ramparts are now partly demolished on the northern and eastern sides. All the towers, however, have been preserved: in the north the semicircular *Barbarigo* and *Tiepolo towers*, and in the south the round *Balbi* and *Cappello towers*. In front of the main city gate on the land side (with the *Revelin tower*) there was once a moat (now filled in) and a stone bridge which was demolished.

The town within the walls seems to have been thoughtfully laid out, taking into consideration public needs and strategic and climatic factors: the main street changes direction three times to reduce the impact of the winter wind, and the side streets join it at slight angles, to avoid the mid-day sun. There are two entrances. The main one is through the already-mentioned land gate (*Kopnena vrata*) built by the nobles of Korčula in 1650 in honour of the victories of the Venetian governor general, Leonardo Foscolo, over the Turks. The imposing square tower above the gate, *Revelin*, was built in 1495—1496.

Just behind this gateway there is a small square, the first paved area in the town (1569), flanked by the *town hall*, its ground-floor with colonnading dating from 1525, and its upper floor added in 1866. Adjoining it is the *chapel of Our Lady of Ploče* (*Gospa od Ploča*), built in 1531, and two Venetian cannon. In front of the town hall there is a pillar raised in 1569, and opposite it the *church of St Michael* (*Sveti Mihovil*), mentioned first in 1408, which was restored in 1615. It has a Renaissance pulpit and a baroque altar painting by Domenico Maggiotto.

In the heart of the town, at the top of the main street, stands the *cathedral of St Mark*, beside which a square took shape. Built over a period from the 15th to 17th centuries it displays various stylistic features from this time. Its first builders, the local masters Dragošević, Ivančić, Brajković and others, worked in the Gothic spirit of the first half of the 15th century. When the decorated Gothic style began to spread through Dalmatia in the middle of that century, Giacomo Correr of Apulia, who was then in charge of the construction work, introduced some elements of south-Italian florid Gothic, while at the end of the 15th



Ancient *Moreška* dance in Korčula.

century the builder and sculptor Marko Andrijić, who completed the bell-tower as well, brought in some transitional Renaissance features.

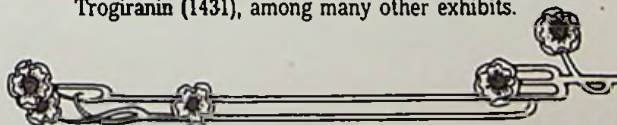
Close by, there are several other buildings worthy of note. Beside the north aisle of the cathedral is the little *church of St Peter* (first mentioned in 1338) with a 15th-century Renaissance portal. The little church contains several tombs, the oldest with an inscription dated 1400. From the square, the courtyard side of a mansion with a tower is visible. This is the building known as Marco Polo's house, believed to have been the birthplace of this celebrated medieval explorer and travel-writer. Opposite the cathedral stands the abandoned Arneri mansion, built in decorated Gothic style with a fine Renaissance courtyard, and beside it the Gabrielis mansion (16th century) housing the *town museum*. Its interesting collection includes prehistoric finds, fragments of stone-carving, and illustrations of Korčula's shipbuilding and stone-carving activities. In front of this mansion is the small *Gospojina church* (also known as *Madonina*) dedicated to the Virgin Mary, from 1483, and the stone flag-staff base from 1515. Beside the southern aisle of the cathedral is the former bishop's palace (Korčula was the centre of a see from 1300 to 1828), a Renaissance-baroque building from the 18th century containing the rich *cathedral treasury* (*Opatska riznica*). This includes plate and statuary from Korčula's churches, part of a polyptych by Djivano Ugrinović, and a polyptych by Blaž Jurjev Trogiranić (1431), among many other exhibits.

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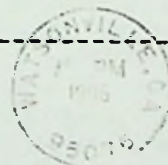
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